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TO fay any thing in the *Praife*, or much in the *Description* of a Country fo well known, would feem needlefs. The late *Accounts* and *Descriptions* of the adjacent Countries *West-Jerfey* and *Pennfylvania*, which are much of the fame nature, &c. might fuffice. But confidering that in *Foreign Colonies*, yea, here in *England*, every particular *County* has fome *Excellency* in *Soyle*, *Product* or *Scituation*, that may *Affect* and *Delight* many *Persons* beyond the places adjacent. We may for the *Satisfaction* of fuch, give fome brief *Account* thereof.

I. This Province or Colony lies between 39 and 41 Degrees of Latitude, being about 12 Degrees more to the South than the City of London: And is bounded South-East by the main Sea; East, by that vast Navigable Stream called *Hudsons-River*, which divides this from the Province of *New-York*; West, by a Line of Division, which separates this Province from *West-Jersey*; and North, upon the main Land; and extends it self in length on the Sea Coast, and along *Hudsons River* one hundred English Miles and upwards.

II. The conveniency of Situation, temperature of Air, and fertility of Soyle is such, That there's no less than seven considerable Towns, viz. *Stewensury*, *Middletown*, *Burgin*, *Newark*, *Elizabeth Town*, *Woodbridge*, and *Piscataway*; which are well inhabited by a Sober and Industrious People, who have necessary Provisions for themselves and Families; and for the comfortable entertainment of Strangers and Travellers. And this Colony is experimentally found Generally to agree well with English Constitutions.

III. For Navigation it hath these Advantages, not only to be Situate along the Navigable part of *Hudsons River*, but lies also Fifty Miles on the Main Sea. And near the midst of this Province is that Noted Bay for Ships, within *Sandy Hook*, very well known not to be inferiour to any Harbour in America, where Ships not only Harbour in greatest Storms, but there Ride safe with all Winds, and Sail in and out thence, as well in Winter as Summer.

IV. For Fishery the Sea Banks there are very well stor'd with variety of Fish, not only such as are profitable for Transportation, but such also as are fit for Food there: As *Whales*, *Cod-fish*, *Cole* and *Hake-fish*, large *Mackerill*, and also many other sorts of Fish and small Fish. The Bay also and *Hudsons River* are plentifully stor'd with *Sturgeon*, *Great Basse*, and other Scale Fish, *Bay* and *Shell Fish*, as *Oysters*, &c. in great plenty, and easy to take.

V. This Country is also plentifully supplied with lovely Springs, *Rapids*, *In-land Rivers*, and *Creeks* which fall into the Sea; and *Hudsons River*, in which is also much plenty and variety of Fresh Fish, and *Water Fowls*.

VI. There is great plenty of *Oak-Timber*, fit for Shipping, and Masts for Ships, and other variety of Wood, like the adjacent Colonies, as *Chestnut*, *Walnut*, *Popler*, *Cedar*, *Ash*, *Fir*, &c. fit for building within the Country.

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VII. The **Land** or **Soyle** (as in other places) varies in *goodness and Richness*, but generally *fertile*, and with much smaller **Labour** than in *England*. Producess plentiful **Crops** of all sorts of *English Grain*. Besides, *Indian Corn*, which the *English Planters* find not only to be of *vast increase*, but very *wholesome* and good in its use. It also producess good *Flax* and *Hemp*, which they now *Spin* and *Manufacture* into *Linnen Cloth*. There's sufficient *Meadow* and *Marsh* to their *Up-lands*. And the very *Barrensthere* (as they are call'd) are not like some in *England*, but produce *Grass* fit for *Grazing Cattle* in *Summer Season*.

VIII. The Country is well stored with *wilde Deer*, *Conies*, and *Wilde Fowl* of several sorts, as *Turkeys*, *Pidgeons*, *Partridges*, *Plover*, *Quailes*, *wilde Swans*, *Geese*, *Ducks*, &c. in great plenty. It producess variety of good and delicious *Fruits*, as *Grapes*, *Plumbs*, *Mulberryes*, and also *Apricocks*, *Peaches*, *Pears*, *Apples*, *Quinces*, *Water Mellons*, &c. which are here in *England*, planted in *Orchards* and *Gardens*: These, as also many other *Fruits* which come not to *perfection* in *England*, are the more natural product of this Country.

IX. There is also already great store of *Horses*, *Cowes*, *Hoggs* and some *Sheep*, which may be bought at reasonable *Prises*, with *English Moneys*, or *English Commodities*, or mans *Labour*, where *Moneys* and *Goods* are wanting.

X. What sort of *Mineralls* or *Minerals* are in the *Bowels* of the *Earth*, *After-time* must produce, the *Inhabitants* not having yet employed themselves in search thereof. But there is already a *Smelting-furnace* and *Forge* set up in this *Colony*, where is made good *Iron*, which is of great benefit to the Country.

XI. It is exceedingly well furnished with *safe* and convenient *Harbours* for *Shipping*, which is of great *advantage* to that Country, and affords a ready for *Exportation* great plenty of *Horses*; And also *Beef*, *Pork*, *Pipestaves*, *Boards*, *Bread*, *Flower*, *Wheat*, *Barly*, *Rye*, *Indian Corn*, *Butter* and *Cheese*, which they *Export* for *Barbados*, *Jamaica*, *Nevis*, and other adjacent *Islands*, as also to *Portugal*, *Spain*, the *Canaries*, &c. their *Whale Oyle* and *Whale-Finns*, *Beaver*, *Mink*, *Raccoon* and *Martin Skins*, (which this Country producess) they *Transport* for *England*.

XII. The *Situation* and *Soyle* of this Country may invite many who are inclin'd to *Transport* themselves into these parts of *America*. For,

1. It being considerably Peopled and Scituate on the Sea Coast, with convenient Harbours, and so near adjacent to the Province of New-York, and Long Island, being also well Peopled Colonies, may be proper for Merchants Trademen, and Navigators.

2. It's likewise proper for such who are inclined to Fishery, the whole Coast and very Harbour Mouths being fit for it, which has been no small Rise to the New-England people, and may be here carryed on also with great advantage.

3. For its Soyle it's proper for all Industrious Husband-men, and such who by hard Labour here on Rack Rents, are scarce able to maintain themselves; much less to raise any Estate for their Children, may, with God's blessing on their Labours, there live comfortably, and provide well for their Families.

4. For Carpenters, Bricklayers, Masons, Smiths, Mill-wrights and Wheel-wrights, Bakers, Tanners, Taylors, Weavers, Shoemakers, Hatters, and all or most Handicrafts, where their Labour is much more valued than in these Parts, and Provisions much Cheaper.

5. And chiefly for such of the above mentioned, or any other who upon solid Grounds, and weighty Considerations are inclined in their minds to go into those Parts; without which, their going there, cannot be comfortable, or answer their expectation.

XIII. The Indian Natives in this Country are but few, comparative to the Neighbouring Colonies; and those that are there, are so far from being formidable or injurious to the Planters and Inhabitants, that they are really serviceable and advantageous to English, not only in Hunting and taking the Deer, and other wilde Creatures, and catching of Fish and Fowl fit for food in their Seasons, but in the killing and destroying of Bears, Woolves, Foxes, and other Vermin and Peltrey, whose Skins and Furrs they bring the English, and sell at less price than the value of time an Englishman must spend to take them.

XIV. As for the Constitutions of the Country, they were made Anno Dom. 166 and in the Time of John Lord Barclay, and Sir George Carteret, the late Proprietors thereof; in which, such provision was made for Liberty in matters of Religion and Property in their Estates, that under the Terms thereof, that Colony has been considerably Peopled, and that much from the adjacent Countries, where they have not only for many years enjoyed their Estates, according to the Concessions, but also an uninterrupted Exercise

case of their *Particular persuasions* in matters of *Religion*. And we the present *Proprietors* do determine, so soon as any persons here in *England*, or elsewhere are willing to be *Engaged* with us, we shall be ready and desirous to make such farther *Amendments* and *Supplements* to the said *Constitutions*, as shall be thought fit for the encouragement of all *Planters* and *Adventurers*; And for the farther settling the said *Colony* with a *sober* and *Industrious* People.

XV. Having with all possible brevity given an Account of the *Country*, we shall say something as to the *disposition of Lands* there.

1. Our Purpose is, if the Lord Permit, with all convenient expedition, to erect and build one Principal Town; which by reason of *Scituation*, must in all probability be the most considerable for *Merchandize*, *Trade* and *Fishery* in those Parts. It's designed to be placed upon a Neck or Point of *Rich-land* called *Ambo-point*, lying on *Rariton-River*, and pointing to *Sandy-Hook-Bay*, and near adjacent to the place where *Ships* in that *Great Harbour* commonly Ride at Anchor; A Scheme of which is already drawn, and those who shall desire to be satisfied therewith may treat for a share thereof.

2. As for Encouragement of *Servants*, &c. we allow the same Priviledges as was provided in the *Concessions* at first.

3. Such who are desirous to Purchase any Lands in this Province, Free from all Charge, and to pay down their Purchase Moneys here, for any quantities of Acres; Or that desire to take up Lands there, upon any small Quit Rents to be Reserved, shall have grants to them and their Heirs, on moderate and reasonable Terms.

4. Those who are desirous to Transport themselves into those Parts, before they Purchase, if any thing there present to their satisfaction, we doubt not but the Terms of Purchase will be so Moderate, Equal and Encouraging, that may Engage them to settle in that Colony.

Our Purpose being withal possible Expedition to dispatch Persons thither, with whom they may Treat; and who shall have our full Power in the Premises.

As for Passage to this Province, Ships are going hence the whole Year about, as well in Winter as Summer, *Sandy-hook-Bay* being never frozen. The usual price is 5 l. per Head, as well Master as Servant, who are above 10 years of Age; all under 10 years, and not Children at the Breast pay 30 s. Sucking Children pay nothing.

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